

light flux of the converged n-th ordered diffracted light from the second information recording plane[;] .

[where] wherein n stands for an integer other than zero.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 4-77 and 81-136 are currently pending in this case. Applicants respectfully request the examination of this application with the Preliminary Amendment above. No new matter is added by this Preliminary Amendment. For example, the amendments to claim 1 are based on original claims 2 and 3 and the specification at page 6.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

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